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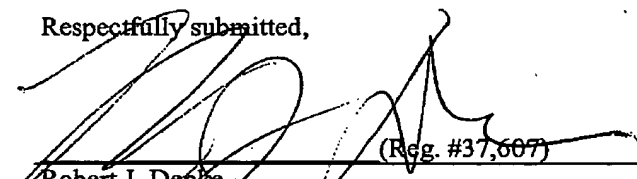
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REMARKS

Applicant hereby submits this amendment based on the discussions with the Examiner during the most recent telephone interview. Applicant respectfully submits that the claim modifications provide the clarification sought by the Examiner and remain patentably distinct over the prior art references of record. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesy of the telephone interview and requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned via telephone regarding any further comments concerning the claim language set forth herein.

In light of the foregoing, Applicant submits that the only independent claim stands in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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